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General repair works were also taken up simultaneously after the breaches were closed. Almost all the tanks were in a condition to receive and store water up to F.T.L. as soon as the breaches were closed. The tanks have received good supply due to local rains and river supplies and the ayacut under them have not suffered in any way due to insufficient supply. The tanks are holding water to their full capacity. Repairs to supply channels wherever necessary have also been carried out.

An expenditure of about Rs. 29 lakhs for Mudukalathur taluk and Rs. 17 lakhs for Paramakudi taluk has so far been incurred towards the above works.

It will be observed from the above that agricultural operations have not suffered due to non-completion of repairs to tanks as alleged. Timely repairs have helped agricultural operations with every prospect of a very rich harvest.

If the hon. Member wants to have a gist of what I said just now, I can give it to him.

IV.—FINAL SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1956–57.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I present the Second Supplementary Statement of Demands for grants for further expenditure for the current financial year, 1956–57 and the detailed estimates thereof. Copies of the Statement of Demands and Estimates have been laid on the table of the House.

2. As explained in the introductory memorandum, the present supplementary estimates relate to—

(*a*) the additional provision required for schemes of expenditure covered by the Budget for this year and for schemes included in the First Supplementary Statement, with reference to the expenditure already incurred or expected to be incurred before the end of the year;

(*b*) 'New Service' Schemes sanctioned by the Government in the latter part of the year which were not included in the First Supplementary Statement of Expenditure, mainly under 'Industries' and 'Electricity' Schemes; and

(*c*) payment of costs awarded by the Courts in certain suits in which the Government were impleaded as a party.

In respect of New Services, the demand proposed is for the actual additional appropriation required to meet the expenditure in the current year on individual schemes, after taking into account the savings now anticipated in the concerned Grants. Where sufficient savings are expected, or no expenditure is likely to be incurred in the current year, the demand proposed is only for a token sum of Rs. 100.

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3. In connection with the Budget for the current year, 45 demands for grants were voted by the Legislature in March 1956, involving a total amount of about Rs. 146 crores, besides a charged appropriation of about Rs. 26½ crores. In September last, supplementary demands were approved by the Legislature to an extent of about Rs. 4½ crores, mainly for grants and loans connected with the relief of distress in the areas affected by the Cyclone. In the present supplementary statement, additional sums are asked for under 32 demands, for a total sum of Rs. 26·75 crores for voted items, and Rs. 9·65 crores under charged items. At first sight, it would appear that the total demand is unduly large. But it should be remembered that against this additional demand, recoveries are anticipated to the extent of over Rs. 20 crores, so that the net demand is only for about Rs. 9·64 crores under charged items, and Rs. 6·68 crores under voted items.

4. Taking the charged appropriations first, the main item included in the total sum of Rs. 104 lakhs asked for in the Revenue account is Rs. 80·6 lakhs under 'Debt charges', of which Rs. 17·2 lakhs is due mainly to a change in the procedure for obtaining the approval of the Legislature, and Rs. 3·4 lakhs is towards the charges on account of the discount allowed on the issue of the Open Market loan in the current year. The balance of Rs. 60 lakhs is mainly on account of interest charges payable to the Government of India on the share of this Government in the large special Ways and Means advances, which were outstanding at the time of the Andhra partition. The additional charged amount asked for outside the Revenue account is Rs. 8·61 crores, which represents mostly the repayment of short-term advances taken from the Reserve Bank of India and the Government of India during the current year.

5. Under voted items, the substantial demands are as follows :—

Grant VIII—Irrigation (Rs. 52 lakhs) towards the cost of repairs to works damaged by the 1955 cyclone.

Grant XX—Co-operation (Rs. 83 lakhs) for the grant of rebate on sales of handloom cloth. (This expenditure will be covered by allocation from the Handloom Cess Fund.)

Grant XXII—Harijan Uplift (Rs. 36 lakhs) in respect of various schemes for the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Tribes and other Backward Classes.

Grant XXVII—Electricity (Rs. 170 lakhs) most of which is in the nature of Book Adjustments in respect of Generation Expenses of Electricity Systems.

Grant XXXII—Community Development Projects and National Extension Services and Local Development Works—(Rs. 161 lakhs) mostly for the Local Development Works Programme for which Central Grants to the extent of Rs. 137 lakhs are anticipated.

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Grant XXXIII—Road Transport Schemes—(Rs. 22 lakhs) representing increased maintenance, etc., charges on account of the addition to the fleet strength in the State Transport Service, including the Kanyakumari branch.

The demands that have been just mentioned are in the Revenue account. In the Capital account, the large demands are the following :—

Grant XXXVI—Irrigation (Rs. 212 lakhs), Grant XXXVII—Public Health (Rs. 31 lakhs) Grant XLI—Electricity Schemes (Rs. 13·83 lakhs) and Grant XLII—Road Transport Schemes (Rs. 31 lakhs), most of which represent Book Adjustments in respect of suspense transactions, the demand having to be presented for the debits only, ignoring the credits, under the existing system of gross budgeting. Apart from these items, token demands are asked for in respect of new service schemes under Irrigation, Public Health, Civil Works and Electricity, particulars for which are given in the detailed estimates. The demand under Road Transport includes the cost of the purchase of additional buses also.

The other noteworthy demands are—

Rupees 425 lakhs for schemes of State Trading (Grant XLIV), which is mainly on account of the payment in the current year of the cost of chemical fertilisers supplied by the Government of India in previous years, and Rs. 17 lakhs for Loans and Advances by the State Government, (Grant XLV), to meet the anticipated disbursements of loans to municipalities in respect of water-supply and drainage schemes and for other Public Health purposes.

6. Full particulars of all demands will be found in the Detailed Supplementary Estimate. This additional expenditure has already been anticipated generally in the Revised Estimate for 1956–57, presented to the Legislature on the 17th instant.

7. With these words, I commend the Supplementary Estimates for the acceptance of the House.

V.—GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1957–58—*cont.*

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The General Discussion on the Budget for the year 1957–58 will be continued. I fix a time-limit of ten minutes for each Member.

* **SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM :** கனம் உதவி சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இந்த பட்ஜெட் விவாதத்தைப்பற்றி பேசும் போது ஒரு சில கருத்துக்களை 9-34 a.m.
சர்க்காருடைய கவனத்திற்கு கொண்டுவர விரும்புகிறேன். முதலில் நமது நிதி மந்திரி அவர்கள், அவர்களது பிரசங்கத்தை தமிழில் வாசித்தார்கள். தமிழில் வாசித்த அந்த அறிக்கையில் சென்னை ராஜ்யத்துக்கு தமிழ் நாடு என்று பெயரிடப்பட்டிருக்கிறது என்று குறிப்பிட்டிருந்தால் வெகு அழகாக இருந்திருக்கும். எல்லா நாடுகளும் அந்தந்த மொழிகளுடைய பெயரைக் கொண்டு அந்தந்த நாடுகளுக்கு பெயரிடப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன. கன்னடமும், கனிதெலுங்கும், கவின் மலையாளமும் என்ற முதுமொழிக்கேற்ப மொழிப் பெயரையே நாட்டிற்கு சொல்லப்பட்டு வருகிறது. ஆதலால், தமிழ்